

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

For State Treasurer, ORN. JOHN C. SMITH.
Of Cook county.
For Superintendent of Public Instruction, CHARLES T. STATHAN.
Of Jefferson county.

For Congressman—14th District, JONATHAN H. ROWELL.
Of Macou county.
For State Senator—25th District, JASON ROGERS.
Of Macou county.

For Representatives—23rd District, JOHN T. POSTER, of Macou co.
JOHN H. CHICKER, of Macou co.
For County Judge, SAMUEL F. GIBBS.
For County Clerk, GEORGE P. HARDY.

For County Treasurer, GEORGE M. WOOD.
For County Superintendent, EDWIN PHILIBROOK.
For Sheriff, WILLIAM W. POSTER.
For Coroner, JESSE E. BENDISCH.

CAPT. J. H. ROWELL.

Republican candidate for Congress, will address the people of Macou county on the political questions of the day, at the following times and places, to-wit: Decatur, Tuesday evening, Oct. 3. Mt. Zion, Wednesday evening, Oct. 4. Argenta, Thursday evening, Oct. 5. Pine Mount, Friday afternoon, Oct. 6. Macou, Friday evening, Oct. 6. Maroa, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 7. Hon. Jason Rogers and E. P. Vail, Esq., will address the citizens of Wheatland township at Wheatland, Saturday evening, October 7, 1892. Let there be a large turnout.

Has the committee of Democratic bosses set down on their "senator's" mode of warfare? He seems to have let up rather suddenly in his covert attacks on his opponent, and we have heard rumors of certain unfavorable comments made by leading Democrats in the presence of the "senator," regarding his unusually mode of making war upon Mr. Rogers by sly insinuations and dark hints, the intention of which could not be mistaken, but the responsibility for which he could shrink when run into a corner, by asserting that he did not mean what his language clearly indicated, but was "only sniping in a case."

REVENING to Mr. Blaine's proposal for the general government to reimburse "Old Virginia" by the payment of a portion of her state debt, because we took West Virginia from her as a war measure, the Cincinnati *Gazette* goes the Mainestates man one better, and proposes that, now that "the civil war is over," we restore West Virginia to her former owner. The next amendment to Mr. Blaine's proposition will probably be that we not only restore West Virginia to the bosom of "the mother of the presidents," but that we pay her entire state debt, principal and interest.

The first installment of the government's new gold certificates—\$200,000,000—will be ready for issue next week. These certificates are a little larger than the green backs, and resemble them in appearance, though some of the tinting is, suggestively, in gold. The denominations run from \$20 up to \$10,000, corresponding to those of the green backs. The \$20 note has a vignette of the late President Garfield; the \$50, of Silas Wright; the \$100, of Thomas H. Benton; the \$500, of Alexander Hamilton; the \$1,000, of James Madison; the \$5,000, of Thomas Jefferson. The certificates will promote the convenience of those who have occasion to ship currency from place to place, and in some degree will increase the circulating medium. They may be instrumental to some extent in sending gold out of the country, but there is probably no great danger in that quarter.

The report that a picture of the "Judgment of Solomon" had been discovered in Pompeii proves a mistake. The painting in question exhibited three men seated on a platform as Judges, a child held by two soldiers upon a tripod before them, a kneeling man evidently imploring the judges, soldiers in the rear, and a vast multitude of people at the left. There are no woman figures. The painting is, according to the authority of some scholars, a satiric cartoon on human sacrifices; and, as usual with the caricatures of that day (and of some of this day), the personages are all pigmies, little in body and enormous in head.

EX SECRETARY EVARTS tells a delightful story at his own expense about a small donkey which he sent up to his country seat for the use of his children. One of his little daughters, going out with her nurse to admire the animal in its paddock, was sorely distressed when the donkey lifted up its voice and brayed dolefully. "Poor thing! Poor thing!" exclaimed the sympathetic child—but suddenly brightening up, she turned to her nurse and said: "Oh! I am so glad. Papa will be here on Saturday, and then it won't feel so lonesome."

CONSIDERING that there are no large bodies of water scattered through Ohio, it is a little singular that the Democratic party should be making such a frantic fight for "free schooners."

THE UTILITY OF DRUNKENNESS.

A Startling Theory.

Popular Science Monthly.

Under this surprising head, and professing to fly right into the face of popular belief, a writer in the *Popular Science Monthly* strikes some telling blows for the temperance workers. While assuming, in all good faith, that drunkenness is as necessary and important uses in the general economy, the uses shown are such that the drinking man is inclined to pause and suggest that "some other fellow" may play the useful role. Malthus, long ago, and Darwin, at a more recent date, claimed that the tendency of man, as of the lower animals, is to multiply faster than the means of supporting life in comfort, can be multiplied. And who, on looking around over any extensive community, can question the truth of this conclusion? Hence the need and origin of what has been styled the Darwinian theory of the "survival of the fittest." Nature has made various provisions for thinning out and keeping down the surplus. But in an earlier day "the fittest" meant something different from what it does now. In a low stage of civilization "the fittest" were those whose iron will and powerful frame enabled them to combat more successfully with the elements, ferocious beasts, and more ferocious men. Naturally, such were the survivors, and such were needed to survive. But the present age has different demands; and the beast in humanity is less and less a need of our collective prosperity. Mind power takes the place of physical force, even in war. One Gatling gun is worth more than a thousand spears, no matter how strong the arms that wield them; and one diplomatic victory like the Geneva award, more than Bannockburn. Therefore, pure intellectuality is now "fittest" for the world's needs. But this element is notably unpropitious, and would, by its own reasoning, control the major of over-multiplication, so far as its own class is concerned. At the same time it is perhaps no more exempt from pestilence, and the various forms of decimation, than is the brutal element—that is to say, the class distinguished for brute force instead of intellect. Therefore, it would seem that, but for man's own devices for decimating the ranks least needed by the world in its present condition, we should rapidly relapse into a new era of brute force. Drunkenness and intellectuality, except in a few isolated cases, do mainly to begethment of lips and can't co-exist together. But the coarser and more brutal, the distinctly animal portion of humanity, find in drunkenness what is to them a pleasant method of thinning their own ranks to make room for the more elevated and purely human specimens. Nature has neither compassion nor remorse in the application of her equivoque to the results of men's acts. If the plague-spoil, ferocious beasts and fondal wars were necessary, in former centuries, to weed out the physically weak, for an age that needed only brawny arms, drunkenness may be as much a need of the present day, to eliminate brutality from an age that calls for the highest reaches of soul and sense, and the method is more in accordance with our ideas of mercy, where the portion of humanity to be decimated rushes gladly to the sacrifice, than when the immediate agents of destruction were plague and famine.

Governor CULLOM, in an address at the Aurora fair Thursday, appealed to young men to keep out of office seeking politics. He cited his own case as an impressive illustration. When he was a young man, and before he consented to run for an office, he was pretty comfortably off financially, and now, after having been several times a representative in congress and in the legislature, and twice elected governor, he is a poor man. It speaks well for the personal honesty and integrity of Shelby M. Cullom that, although holding important public offices for the better portion of his life since reaching the age of manhood, he is poorer in purse to day than he was at the outset.

It is a noteworthy and gratifying fact that all the governors Illinois has had since the Republican party has had control of the state have proved themselves gentlemen of the strictest honesty. Not even a spot of suspicion rests upon the gubernatorial record of any one of them. Bissell, Wood, Yates, Palmer, Oglesby, Beveridge and Cullom—all of them have been above suspicion in their great office. On the other hand, the last Democratic governor we had—Matteson—went out of office literally loaded down with infamy, having been convicted of forgery and having sold the state for his personal enrichment.—Chicago Journal, Sept. 29th.

It has lately been said in the news papers that a carriage which was presented to Henry Clay in Newark in 1833 is now offered for sale in Louisville for \$25. A member of the firm of J. M. Quimby & Co., Newark, has written to Louisville that the owner can find a purchaser in Newark. When Mr. Clay was Newark's guest he was presented with several samples of her manufacture. The carriage was purchased for him with money given by citizens. It was a coach of a style that then was regarded as superior. It has a top, a platform for a lackey, and tassels with which he can hold himself in his place. The body is hung on C springs, and resembles, it is said, a life saving car more than a modern carriage. After the presentation of the coach to Mr. Clay carriages of its pattern became popular in the south.

PETER COOPER, of New York, who will be 92 years of age February 1, 1893, has finished an autobiography, which describes the leading incidents in his own and in his ancestor's lives, and explains his views on religion, banking and politics. The work was dictated to an amanuensis.

About the Presidency.

Detroit Post and Tribune.

The New York *Sun* advises every man who expects to be President to move into one of the large States. With the parties so evenly balanced as they are now, it thinks the nomination will not be thrown away upon a State of one or two Congressmen, like Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oregon, or Vermont, nor yet even States that are sure one way or the other, like Massachusetts or Kentucky. Reckoning Pennsylvania as one of the doubtful States prospectively, in view of the probable result of this year's election, the *Sun* concludes that both parties will pick their candidates in 1884 from New York, Indiana or Pennsylvania, "provided that in either of these great commonwealths a Republican or a Democrat can be found whose personal standing and popularity offers a rational expectation of his carrying the state; he lives in for the party which nominates him. The *Sun* can never construct a really satisfactory presidential ticket without a reserved seat for John M. Palmer, of Illinois; and accordingly it suggests that "some allowance may also be made for the possibility that a peculiarly available man might change any one of the great certain States if he should be put in nomination. For instance, if General John M. Palmer should be supported by President by the united delegation of Illinois, there would be good reason to suppose that his character and personal prestige might alter the balance of power in that State from being certainly Republican, as it has been now for a long time, into probably Democratic; and this consideration, combined with General Palmer's availability elsewhere, might suffice to secure his nomination by the Democrats." The *Sun* ought to know by this time that General Palmer had exhausted himself before he left the Republican party. He never had much hard sense or toughness of fiber, but made his success, such as it was, on a campaign of guile. In 1857 he ran for United States Senator against Lyman Trumbull and "enthused the boys" of the Legislature by declaring in a public meeting that "the goose hung high," and by commenting on the danger that Mr. Trumbull might suffer from the coolness of his blood. General Palmer missed the Senatorship, but was elected Governor in the next year, and was a good enough Republican until he found that the Republicans had no further use for him, and then he bestowed his smiles upon the Democrats, and they have been hungry ever since. There is only one way, however, for him to carry the State of Illinois, and that is the way that Atlas carried the world—by getting under it.

Stevenson's Civil Service.

Honorable Postmaster.

It is fashionable just now for the politicians to talk about civil service reform, and Mr. Stevenson in his recent speech introduced that subject. He says that the 102,000 federal office holders were selected because of partisan services rendered, and commented upon the evils which necessarily result from such a system, and declared the only tests for employment under the government should be honesty and efficiency, and especially condemned the Hubbard 2 per cent. assessment. Why did not Mr. Stevenson, who claims to be reasoning fairly, bring a little reason and fairness to bear on this subject? If it is true that federal officers are largely selected because of their partisan services, rendered, why did not Mr. Stevenson acknowledge that the practice was introduced into our politics by the patron saint of the democracy, that whenever and wherever that party comes into power it relentlessly carries out that practice. Does not Mr. Stevenson believe in that democratic watchword "to the victor belong the spoils"? Does he not know that if his party should gain possession of the government every one of the 102,000 federal republican office holders would have to walk the plank, not because of any lack of honesty and efficiency, but simply because they are republicans. That is exactly what they did when they were in possession of the United States office of representatives—turned out crippled Union soldiers simply because they were republicans, and put in their places confederate soldiers simply because they were democrats.

The fact is, the record of the republican office holders for the last six years is remarkable for honesty and efficiency, and nothing will be gained, but a great deal lost, in these respects, by turning out the republicans and putting in the democrats, and that is all Mr. Stevenson means by civil service reform. In the only way to really reform the civil service is to remove from the politicians the power of removal and appointment. Make the tenure of their office dependent upon their efficiency and honesty alone, and that reform Mr. Stevenson and the democratic party are bitterly opposed to.

They See Through It, Too.

Post and Tribune.

The *Journal* mentioned some days ago that Adlai E. Stevenson was the standard bearer of the combined forces of the Democrats and Greenbackers for the congressional race, this fall, in the Bloomington district. Adlai is wiser than his day and generation, however, for on the posters announcing his campaign speeches his name appears in illuminated text as the speaker, but not a word is said as to what party he represents. He probably thinks, in view of the remarkable similarity of sentiment embodied in the various political platforms that if he can succeed in pleasing the people better than any body else in what he shall say he stands a good show to get their votes.

A SCRIBE of the *Cleveland Leader*, who has doubtless served about the post-office, classes "the la-de-dah cigarette-smoking young man as third-class male matter."

LEAVE orders at Cole Croft's drug store for John A. Phillips, who will do stone polishing, room cleaning, and other work, on reasonable terms. [Sep 27-d2w]

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

EXIT. HOFFMAN.

His Trial Ends in a Verdict of Guilty.

And Expulsion From the Ministry and Church.

LINCOLN, Ill., Sept. 29.—This has been a day of solemnity and tremendous expectancy at the trial of the Rev. Hoffman, whose character has been arraigned on charges the most terrific ever preferred against a Methodist preacher. As Mr. Hoffman put it, in his closing argument, the testimony was all admitted except bare evidence.

J. A. Kuntler made the opening speech. It was pathetic and earnest, but not especially argumentative or brilliant.

A short recess was taken, and upon reassembling Rev. H. N. Davies, presiding elder of Decatur district, who has ably defended the accused, followed in a clear and able argument occupying nearly three hours. The charge of forgery was disposed of by showing that what is known as the Peddler letter did pass through the Decatur postoffice and the stamp was cancelled by the postmaster, as it is not only a penal offense to use a cancelled stamp, but such use would have prevented the delivery of the letter. When the Stapp's Chapel scandal was made known, and which happened nearly nine years ago, when Mr. Hoffman was pastor of the above named church in Decatur, the Rev. Davies, called a committee, and the attempt to blackmail Hoffman was pronounced unworthy of notice.

The Mattie Ballou recantation letter was referred to by Dr. Davies as being no evidence at all, as text books do not recognize dying testimony except in cases of homicide, and that all that is known about that letter is that Lizzie Roberts, a sister of Mattie, says so, and the latter lady has been dead six years. The counsel denied that any evidence had been produced to sustain the charge of insanity, and said "it looks like a conspiracy on the part of the Robinsons, aided by other parties, for the purpose of getting money from Hoffman."

The letters and statements of Mrs. Robinson appear more like those of a lawyer than those of an injured woman. One of her letters to Hoffman was signed F. R. S., and her name is Florence S. Robinson, and the letter bore no date.

Zetta's story of Hoffman's first criminal intimacy is not generally credited. She says she met Hoffman in the carriage of the huns and fell asleep, and when she awoke Hoffman was embracing her. The eminent counsel said, "would a man of his intelligence, were his chance ever so black, do a thing like this without any previous arrangement?"

After dinner Dr. Davies resumed his argument for the defense. He was followed by Mr. Hoffman, who said that Paul's defense before Agrippa gave him a precedent for speaking in his own behalf. Mr. Hoffman made a straight-forward statement of the case, emphatically denying the charges. He has been in the ministry twenty-seven years, and for fifteen of those years he has been obliged to make pastoral visits alone; to look after all the interests of his home, as his wife was an invalid. In some things he was fortunate and in others very unfortunate.

Rev. John L. Smith, D. D., of the Northwest Indiana Conference, who gave Hoffman a license to preach twenty-eight years ago, has been here during the trial to comfort and aid this son in the gospel.

Mr. Hoffman stated that since he has been in this Conference he has received into the church on probation 892 persons and over fifty souls have been converted each year. He took his seat there was not a dry eye to be seen.

The bishop seemed deeply moved, and in the midst of the argument, and it was the greatest effort of his life. Being a practical lawyer, he knew all the points in the line of argument, and he was not slow in getting at them. These two men, Hoffman and Hoffman, have been pastors of Methodist churches in Bloomington, Mr. Hoffman at Grace, and Mr. Hoffman at the First Methodist church.

After the trial, Hoffman was expelled from the ministry and expelled from the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Hoffman arose in his place and gave notice to Bishop Warren that he would take an appeal from the decision of the committee to the Judicial Conference, and the appeal was accepted.

The Conference then adjourned with a benediction by Bishop Warren.

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COMING—"Damon and Pythias."

The Wabash pay car has come and gone.

Only \$2.50 to Chicago over the Central

road on Oct. 10th, tickets good to Oct. 23.

Heard Capt. Rowell at the court house

next Tuesday night.

No water on Sunday between 9 a. m.

and 2 p. m.

Another wedding is booked for next

Wednesday.

Try the new cigars, the 10-ers, manu-

factured by Kock & Weigand. 27-21w

A large number of farmers visited De-

catatur today. Too wet to plow.

Who will succeed Harry Lintner in the

omnibus and carriage line business?

For the best meals and best liquors

call at the Palace Hotel. (Ang 20-21w)

A new lot of chrome advertising cards

just received at this office.

The September number of the Y. M. C.

A. Bulletin is out.

Not fresh butter and superior family

flour at Niedermeyer's, on the Mound.

This Decatur Methodist preachers will

be at home to-morrow.

Business on the street railway is pick-

ing up. Only a nickel a trip.

More new Chromes, Velvet Frames,

Stereoscopes and Views, at Wallace's

Book Store. Sept 18-21w

A dense fog enveloped Decatur this

morning. A person 100 feet distant could

not be seen.

The men are at work on the second

story of the Glass, Griswold & Co. build-

ing south of the REPUBLICAN office.

Call at M. E. Penwell's for fresh

groceries and fine flour. No. 22

West Main street. 28-21w

You can get one of those palatial chrome

designs at John Irwin's clothing store by

purchasing \$5 worth of goods.

The Masons are now engaged in piling

up the brick on the fourth story of the

new Masonic building.

A splendid stock of ladies' fine sta-

tionery, embracing the very newest styles,

at Wallace's Book Store. 18-21w

The Hibernian band will be at the tab-

ernacle to-night, and will entertain the

occasion with spirited music.

Eggs are away up in price. Only 29

cents a dozen. The hens have been on a

strike for over a week.

Capt. Allen has presented us with a

wonder in the potato line. It looks like

a monster of the sea.

Always good - are Schroeder's celebra-

ted Bohemian cigars. Sold by all first-

class dealers.

New fresh oysters, the first of the sea-

son and the best in the land, now on sale

at Frank Hill's Oyster Bay, on North

Main street. 14-17

There are 280 members of the Chris-

tian church in this city, and there are 280

persons on the books as members of the

Sabbath School.

The Rev. J. P. Hilderly, of Jackson-

ville, will preach at James' Chapel to-

morrow, morning and evening. Sabbath

School at 9 a. m.

M. E. Penwell has just received a

new stock of family groceries at No. 22

West Main street. 28-21w

Eighty-five one Bourbon of the town-

ship of Wheatland is not very well

acquainted with the plot and form of Bro.

Jack, the Reviewer's candidate for State

Senator.

Go to Dr. Thomas S. Hoskins to get

your dental work done. Cor. Main and

Water streets, Decatur, Ill. 21-17

We learn that Mr. John Hatfield has

about given up his notion of going to

Kabraska and investing in land in that

State. He has recently purchased another

farm south of Lintner Station.

The street railway management, Ben

F. Taylor and Billy Beard, will have the

carrying business all their own way after

to-day. Harry Lintner will retire from

the business to-night.

C. B. Throckmorton continues to offer

special bargains in his celebrated musical

instruments. He is the sole agent in De-

catatur for the sale of the famous Haines Bros.

pianos.

The usual Sunday afternoon gospel

meeting will be held in the city park to-

morrow, commencing at 4:30 o'clock Mr.

William Bennett will conduct the ser-

vice. All are invited.

This evening Fritz Mueller will dispose

of his \$100 bicycle, in which there are 346

pieces, at a raffle at the St. Nicholas

hotel. The tickets are being sold at a dollar

each. The raffle will draw another big

crowd of interested parties.

The "Keystones" made by Kock &

Weigand are not such as are put in tem-

pies. They are a new lot of cigars that

are rapidly growing in popular favor.

Try them. Ask all leading dealers for

the "Keystones." 27-21w

The annual reunion of the 123d Illinois

Vol. will take place at Charleston, Ill.

October 6th and 7th, 1882. All the mem-

bers of the old regiment are cordially

invited and expected to be present on this

occasion.

This Wabash will sell tickets to the St.

Louis Fair, including a ticket of admis-

sion to the fair, commencing Sept. 30,

and continuing to Oct. 7, inclusive, at \$5.25

for the round trip. Good to return until

Oct. 9th. The Illinois Central will also

sell tickets at the same rate.

Sept. 27-21w

Yesterday Oscar and William Donahue

were before Justice Albert, charged by

Officer Velly with creating a disturbance

on the levee. The pair were released on

bail, and the investigation of the charge

was postponed until Monday.

Posters have been received in Decatur

announcing that Hon. Green B. Baum, U. S.

Commissioner of Revenue, will address

the people of Piatt county at Bement, on

Saturday, Oct. 7th, at 1 p. m. There will

be a big rally of voters at Bement on that

day.

HOFFMAN DECLARED GUILTY.

A Former Decatur Preacher Out of
the Ministry—He Takes an
Appeal.

The evidence in the charges against
Rev. H. O. Hoffman was submitted to the
church committee of the Illinois Confer-
ence at Lincoln last night at 9 o'clock,
and at 12 o'clock, the committee being
ready to report, Bishop Warren convened
the conference (there were about 12 min-
isters outside of the committee present),
and the verdict was received and placed
upon record. It was

A VERDICT OF GUILTY

on the charges of Bastardy, Fornication
and Falsehood. Mr. Hoffman was pre-
sent when the verdict was read, but he did
not appear to be affected by it. He im-
mediately took an appeal to the Judicial
Court of the church, composed of seven
members from as many conferences. This
will be the final tribunal for Mr. Hoff-
man. It will assemble early next spring.

After the testimony was all in, Rev.
Kumler made the opening speech for the
prosecution, followed by Mr. Hoffman and
Dr. Davies for the defense. Rev. Hawes
closed on behalf of the prosecution.

The committee of 13 was unanimous in
its verdict.

THE FEELING IN DECATUR.

Those persons in the city who have
learned of the expulsion of Mr. Hoffman
from the ministry, express a feeling of re-
lief that he is at last out of the church,
and from their knowledge of the reputa-
tion of the unfortunate minister, they be-
lieve the conference committee did the
right thing in finding him guilty. No
doubt Hoffman is innocent of many of
the charges that have been brought
against him, but that he has been indis-
creet his best friends admit.

The Mattoon Mine.

Parties interested in coal mining op-
erations are informed that Professor A. H.
Worthington, state geologist of Illinois,
recently visited Mattoon to investigate the
shaft there, in which was found coal at a
depth of over 900 feet. The *Gazette* says
that after a careful investigation Prof.
Worthington stated that the vein found in
Mattoon is really that known as No. 2,
which has never been mined at any point
near the centre of the great Illinois coal
field. The variety of coal is best known
as the "Big Muddy," which is mined in
the vicinity of Murphyboro. At Brail-
wood, Colechester, Seaville and other
points near the edge of the great field it
is worked to a greater or less extent, and
is invariably recognized as the best qual-
ity of bituminous coal. The singular
feature of the Mattoon shaft is the ab-
sence of the stratum of coal known as
No. 5; but as that vein is noted for its ex-
tensive "horse-backs" or faults, it is al-
together likely that the Mattoon shaft
happened to pass through one, and hence
no coal was revealed. or, if so, in such a
small quantity as to be passed without
notice. It is proposed in carrying down
the remaining half of the shaft from 631
feet, which is now being done, to pre-
serve specimens of the different strata
passed through, with a view to a more ac-
curate determining of the veins found
at Mattoon and of those which do not ap-
pear there. Certain distinguishing fea-
tures are manifested in the rock rock of
each vein, which furnish to the geologist
the required information, and enable him
to determine its location relative to other
veins.

The city editor of the REPUBLICAN was

this morning restrained from the commis-
sion of a great crime only by the exercise
of the coolest judgment and the rarest
discretion. He was accosted on the street
by a rural Bourbon of venerable aspect,
who called him "Senator" and congrat-
ulated him upon his prospects for beating
Jason Rogers. The venerable Bourbon
will never know how near that moment
came to being his last, and the scribe will
never cease to be thankful that in his
earliest years he committed to memory
the commandments delivered to Moses
amid the thunders of Sinai, and that in
the heat of his resentment he did not fail
to hear ringing in his ears that anthra-
citic sentence, "thou shalt not kill." But
the provocation was great.

Active operations have not yet been

commenced at the wooden tray factory of
the Duffee & Warren Manufacturing Co.
on South Franklin street. About all of
the machinery is in position, and material
is at hand ready to be converted into
trays, but because the city has not fur-
nished the company with water facilities,
they cannot begin business. Mr. Warren
stated to a reporter this morning that a
jet pump had been fixed up to furnish the
boiler with water from the branch for
the present.

The Lintner Line.

This evening Mr. Harry Lintner will
retire from the carriage and omnibus
business. He has probably
learned that to carry on the business on
such a large scale in a city the size of
Decatur will not pay, and he will turn
his attention to the management of his
farm of 900 acres near Lintner Station.
Mr. Lintner will dispose of his carriages
and omnibuses at advantageous figures
and will take his horses to the farm.

The Illinois Central railroad will run a

special train to the Chicago Exposition,
leaving Decatur at 7:52 a. m. Tuesday,
October 10th. Fare for the round trip
only \$3.50, return tickets good until Octo-
ber 23d, inclusive. Two fine coaches will
be side-tracked at Decatur for the special
accommodation of passengers for this
point. J. F. Merry, Excursion Agent, will
accompany the excursion and carefully
look after the convenience and comfort
of his passengers. Train will arrive at
Chicago at 5:30 p. m. sep30-d1w

The Decatur Red Stocking Base Ball

Club, which included 11 members, dis-
banded some time ago, as has already
been stated in these columns. They
played 22 games and lost eight. In the
final division of the cash, after liquida-
tion all expenses, each member received
\$19.40 as his share.

There was a crowd of people immense
in size at the tabernacle last night to see
what was going on and to patronize the
tables for the benefit of St. Mary's Hos-
pital. During the evening the Hibernian
band gave a number of fine selections
with good effect. The fair and festival
will close this evening, when the voting
on prizes will be decidedly spirited.

The Downing Serenaders were abroad

in the city last evening, and of course they
gave the REPUBLICAN a call. Come
again, and come often.

BEFORE THE FOOTLIGHTS.

TO-NIGHT.

The celebrated "Meteor" specialty com-
bination arrived in Decatur to-day and
will appear at the opera house to-night in
a great bill of new funnyisms such as
have not yet been perpetrated in Decatur.
There are as many as nine tip-top artists
with the troupe. Mr. Evans will appear
as "The Book Agent," whose cast-iron
cheek lightning cannot splinter. There
will be roars of laughter to-night. Go
early. Popular prices.

HERMANN.

This renowned ventriloquist, who will
complete a week's successful engagement
at St. Louis to-night, will appear at the
opera house here next Monday night, giv-
ing one of his wonderful entertainments,
assisted by several specialty artists. None
should fail to see the great Hermann. He
is the trickiest man on the stage to-day.
Popular prices.

"MY PARTNER."

Bartley Campbell's latest and greatest
drama, depicting California life, entitled
"My Partner," will be given in Decatur
on Wednesday evening, Oct. 4th. This is
the play which attracted so many people
to the theatres in all the larger cities this
season, as do all of Campbell's produc-
tions. The original company will give
the drama here. The hall should be
crowded. Secure reserved seats at Curtis
& Co.'s.

THE CHURCHES TO-MORROW.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL.

The usual services will be held to-mor-
row. Preaching morning and evening by
the pastor. Sunday School at 2 p. m.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

Regular services at the usual hours
to-morrow by the pastor.

JAMES CHAPEL.

The usual services will be held to-mor-
row.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Regular services to-morrow by the pas-
tor, C. B. Roberts. The public generally
are invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Preaching by the pastor, Rev. T. W.
Pinkerton, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Evening topic, "Revelation of Heaven."
Sunday School at 2 p. m. All are wel-
come.

Y. M. C. A.

Public services at the Young Men's
Christian Association Rooms, on Mer-
chant street, to-morrow afternoon at 3:30.
The public are cordially invited to attend.

RAILROAD MEETING.

A railroad gospel service will be held
at Eldorado house to-morrow at 5
o'clock p. m. Railroad men and their
families are urgently requested to attend.

COUNTY CLERK.

W. C. Wagoner has prepared
the election notices for the election to
be held on November 7th, to be given to
supervisors of the 17 townships in the
county, who will see that they are posted
up as required by law. The people will be
called upon to vote for state and county
officers, and for or against an appropri-
ation of \$531,712.18 to be used in finishing
the state house, and for or against the ac-
cording the Illinois and Michigan Canal to
the United States.

Notice to Water Takers.

Street Superintendent Shorb desires us
to notify all water takers that from 9 a.
m. to 2 p. m. on Sunday

